

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 and 38-40 are pending in the application. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 8, 22-24, 36 and 38-40 will be canceled.

In the outstanding Final Office Action of October 12, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 4, 6, 7, 9-21 and 25-35 are allowed. The Examiner is thanked for indicating the allowability of such claims. Accordingly, no further comment regarding these claims will be made in this Amendment.

In the outstanding final Office Action of October 12, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 22-24, 36, 38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Davidson et al. (USP No. 6,632,193) and claims 8 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davidson et al. in view of Ellsberry et al. (UPS 6,432,103). Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 22-24, 36, 38-40 have now been canceled to advance the prosecution of this application. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 8, 22-24, 36, 38-40 should now be withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to pursue such claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims remaining in the application, *i.e.*, claims 4, 6, 7, 9-21 and 25-35 have now been allowed, so as to clear this application for issuance.

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If any issues remain in this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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